

GLEN EDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter #2

Tuesday 16 February 2010

Week 3

Dates for your Calendar		
Thursday	18 February	Pool & BBQ at school 5pm
Friday	19 February	Assembly Rm 12
Friday	19 February	School Swimming Sports
Thursday	25 February	Meet the Teachers
Friday	26 February	Assembly Rm 7
Thursday	1 April	End of Term 1

Reminders: Please remember to send a sunhat with children daily and remind them to wear their hats whenever they are outside. Also another reminder that children are to bring swimming gear named and in a plastic bag whenever their class is timetabled for swimming.

FOGs: Thanks to the people who attended our first FOGs (Friends of Glen Eden) meeting of the year. Our next one will be on 11th March.

Chances to meet

I am looking forward to meeting you all on Thursday afternoon/evening. Come along with picnic baskets and swimming gear for the children anytime from 5pm. There will be food available to buy. This is an informal gathering of families. Meet down by the pool. If any of you can help the FOGs team and staff to bbq or sell tickets, drinks and snakes please let the office staff know.

Next Thursday night, 25th February, we will hold our more formal parent teacher meetings. Bring children along if you like as Miss Soljan, Mrs McLarin and I will be in the hall from 6pm to 8pm running a few cartoons and games. Parents of Pukeko students (Rooms 1 & 3) can meet their teachers from 6 till 6.30pm in Room 3. The Kiwi syndicate (Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8) will meet parents from 6.30 till 7pm in Room 7. Takahe syndicate (Rooms 9, 10, 11 & 12) will hold their meetings from 7pm till 7.30pm in R 12. Tui team (Rooms 13, 14, 15 & 16) will meet in Room 14 from 7.30 till 8pm. These will be group meetings, outlining expectations and programmes, rather than individual parent/teacher meetings. If you wish to speak to the teacher individually please make an appointment to do so.

School fees/donations are due now. Our fees are very reasonable, \$70 per child, or \$120 per family. You can choose to pay \$20 per term otherwise. If all families paid we would have \$20,000 more to spend on much needed resources. Let's make it the first year ever that everyone donates their bit.

Web site Mrs Rayner keeps our excellent web site up-to-date and relevant. This weekly newsletter is always pasted on the web site. Check out the web site at www.geps.school.nz

Education Review Office visit We will welcome the Education Review Officers led by Jane Heslop on Monday 8th March. We would love for you, our school community, to

join us at the short but meaningful welcome on Monday 8th March at 9am.

Their external review complements the continuous internal review process carried out by the staff and the Board of Trustees. The aim of both review processes is to improve educational opportunities for your children.

Board of Trustees Elections - Mrs Rayner (she is starring a bit in this newsletter!) is the Returning Officer for our Board of Trustees elections. She will advise you of the timeline for the elections. We need a strong, active and interested Board of Trustees to support our wonderful school. Would you or someone you know be the person we are looking for? Contact Dianne, a present member of the Board or myself if you are interested in putting yourself forward.

I had a fantastic but exhausting week last week.

Donna Soljan and I had what we call planning interviews with all of the teachers, discussing their plans for their classes this term. Our teachers are, without exception, enthusiastic, well planned and love talking about what they and their students want to achieve this term. So much energy and talent!

I also had the pleasure of meeting the fantastic four who have agreed to be the school's advisory committee on Maori protocol, the group that is supporting me to establish the kawa of Glen Eden Primary School. Thank you Rota, Flo, Summer and Joyce. Contact one of us if you are interested in knowing more.

The staff also had their first of 18 or so Te Reo Maori lessons with Joyce Lemaga last week. She worked us hard but oh my, we learnt heaps! I came home exhausted but now, after more than 50 years, know my answer to the question: Who has been the most inspiring teacher in your life? Answer: Joyce Lemaga

Term Dates 2010

Term 1	Wednesday 3 February	Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April	Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October	Thursday 16 December

Yours sincerely

Linda Mayow
Principal

There are far too many community notices to put into the Newsletter, so please check the Community Board outside the staffroom